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SUBJ: PERON MEETS WITH LECHIN OQUENDO; LA WORKERS CENTRAL DISCUSSED

1. ACCOMPANIED BY CGT SEC GEN RUCCI, EXILED BOLIVIAN COB SEC GEN LECHIN OQUENDO HELD HOUR-LONG MEETING AUGUST 11 WITH PERON. NO DETAILS OF MEETING WERE RELEASED BYT LECHIN TOLD PRESS BOTH NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL MATTERS WERE DISCUSSED, AND THAT "SPECIAL REFERENCE WAS MADE TO NECESSITY TO CREATE LA WORKERS CENTRAL". (NOTE-CGT RELEASED COMMUNIQUE SAME DAY STATING REPRESENTATIVES OF CGT, CUT OF CHILE AND CNT OF URUGUAY WOULD VISIT VENEZUELAN, MEXICAN AND CUBAN LABOR CENTRALS TO INVITE THEM TO ATTEND AUGUST 30-31 MEETING IN BUENOS AIRES TO DISCUSS "CONTINENTAL LABOR, SOCIAL, ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL MATTERS"). LECHIN QUALIFIED PERON AS A "NATIONAL LEADER WITH AN INTERNATIONAL PROJECTION" AND, IN COMPARING HIM WITH MNR CHIEF PAZ ESTENSSORO, STATED THE ESSENTIAL DIFFERENCE BETWEEN THE TWO WAS THAT PAZ HAD SOLD HIMSELF TO IMPERIALISM.

2. CGT SUBSEC GEN ROMERO TOLD LABATT THAT PERON'S AND RUCCI'S MEETINGS WITH LECHIN AND OTHER EXILED, LEFTIST TRADE UNIONISTS SHOULD NOT BE CONSIDERED AS INDICATIVE OF PERON'S OR CGT'S INTER-
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NATIONAL POLICY. HE STATED MAJOR INTENT SUCH MEETINGS WAS TO

"BRING ARGENTINA TO FOREFRONT OF WORLD NEWS" SO THAT "POWERFUL COUNTRIES" WOULD DEAL WITH ARGENTINA ON MORE EQUITABLE BASIS. HE OBSERVED THAT PERON'S TRUE FOREIGN POLICY WOULD EMERGE LATER, AND THAT IT WOULD NOT BE LEFTIST-ORIENTED.
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